

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6. (Canceled).

7. (New) A planar light source comprising:

a light guide plate made of a platelike, light-transmitting material and having a bottom side that comprises a plurality of different kinds of reflecting means that form a reflection surface; and

an illuminating light source arranged opposite a light receiving side surface of the light guide plate,

wherein two of said reflecting means meet at a smooth boundary that is free of any step.

8. (New) The planar light source according to claim 7, wherein a first one of said reflection means is formed of prisms and a second one of said reflection means is formed of textured undulations of a predetermined shape.

9. (New) The planar light source according to claim 8, wherein at least one of said prisms has an upslope that forms an angle α relative to said second one of said reflection means.

10. (New) The planar light source according to claim 7, wherein said smooth boundary is formed to prevent the appearance of noticeable bright lines.

11. (New) The planar light source according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of different kinds of reflecting means are disposed side by side on said bottom side of said plate.